

## Privacy rules revised to protect rights, lives

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WASHINGTON — The Air Force has revised Air Force Instruction 41-210, "Patient Administration Functions," to better protect privacy rights and ensure an appropriate flow of information between commanders and support agencies.

Air Force officials believe this will reduce suicide risks among its Airmen.

"Confidentiality continues to be seen as a double-edged sword," said Lt. Col. Rick Campise, the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program director. "We have to maintain a balance between a patient's privacy and a commander's need for information that allows (him or her to) make decisions that ensure the safety of the Airman and the success of the mission."

An assessment of all Air Force active-duty suicides in 2003 revealed that some commanders viewed confidentiality as preventing adequate communication with life skills support centers, Colonel Campise said. In other cases, the absence of confidentiality was perceived as a factor in discouraging Airmen from seeking help.

Mental-health staff members are now required to review all open and closed mental-health records before active-duty Airmen transfer to new bases. Based upon the record review, mental-health providers can determine whether the new destination requires arranging for additional resources to support Airmen before and after they move, Colonel Campise said.

Part of this process may involve asking the commander to assist with decisions regarding the Airman's welfare, Colonel Campise said.

Air Force Medical Service officials recently provided two key tools that assist in helping to ensure this is done successfully.

The "Air Force Guide for Managing Suicidal Behavior" and the "Leader's Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress" both discuss the need for collaboration between mental-health staffs and commanders. Both tools also emphasize balancing privacy and sharing essential mission information. Additionally, a video titled, "Communicating with Commanders," was released to mental-health clinicians in November.

Through July 15, 26 active-duty Airmen committed suicide in 2004, for a rate of 13 per 100,000. The Air Force has experienced no suicides among Airmen deployed in operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

The service's suicide prevention program is commonly hailed as the best program of its type in the world, officials said. In December, a landmark University of Rochester study of suicide in the U.S. Air Force found the service's suicide-prevention program reduced the risk of suicide by 33 percent during the past six years.



Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez

### Grease lightning

Dave Caldwell, DynCorp aircraft mechanic, greases the landing gear on a Navy T-38A Talon. The aircraft from Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Md., left Tuesday after six weeks of maintenance, to include stripping, structure repair and a new coat of paint.

## Local NCO earns elite position BLAZE TEAM member selected to join Thunderbirds

Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez  
Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Jody Edwards, 14th Mission Support Squadron, was recently informed that he had earned one of approximately 100 enlisted positions on the Thunderbird team, the Air Force Demonstration Squadron whose precision aerial maneuvers exhibit the capabilities of modern high-performance aircraft to people throughout the world.

"Tech. Sgt. Edwards is the prime example of what we are looking for in our NCOs today," said Maj. Alessandra Stokstad, 14th MSS commander. "He is dedicated, an expert at his job, involved on and off base and has won awards at all levels. He is well deserving of his selection, and we are all very proud of him."

Sergeant Edwards' discovery of an open Thunderbirds position was purely incidental.

"As part of the FTAC curriculum, I taught classes how to use the Air Force assignment management system," he said. "During a demonstration, I pulled up the equal plus list, entered my grade and the open Thunderbird slot popped up. I had 10 days afterward to put a package together with a resume, photograph and a letter of recommendation from my commander."

As Thunderbirds NCOIC of aviation resource management, Sergeant Edwards will be responsible for pilot record maintenance, and various preflight and post-flight procedures, enabling him to travel with the team.

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### Substantial service

Valerie Fox, 14th Contracting Squadron, accepts a pin and certificate of appreciation Wednesday from Col. Stephen Wilson, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, in recognition of her 30 years of government service. Colonel Wilson and Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Bowes also presented a BLAZE coin to Staff Sgt. Casey Thomas, 14th FTW, for her efforts in making Go 4th 2004 a success.

## Pilot error caused T-6A accident

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The Air Force has completed its investigation into the cause of the T-6A Texan II accident which occurred April 3 at the Savannah Hilton-Head International Airport in Savannah, Ga., and resulted in the deaths of two Air Force pilots.

The accident investigation determined the mishap was caused by pilot error.

The pilots, Capt. Judson Brinson and Capt. Thomas Moore, were assigned to the 39th Flying Training Squadron at Moody AFB, Ga. The accident investigation board could not determine with certainty which pilot was flying the aircraft at the time of the mishap.

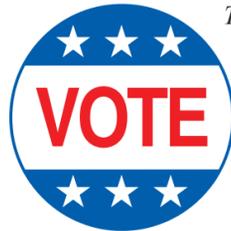
The pilots, on a return training flight to Moody, had just lifted off when the mishap occurred. For unknown reasons, the pilot flying the aircraft deviated from the normal flight lim-

its by exceeding the maximum allowable bank angle of 90 degrees and allowing the airspeed to decrease below the minimum allowable airspeed of 140 knots.

The combination of the high bank angle and decreased airspeed caused the aircraft to stall and roll toward inverted flight. No attempt was made to apply proper stall recovery procedures. As a result, the aircraft was nearly inverted at a much lower than normal altitude and was too low for safe ejection.

The aircraft was destroyed on impact, with a loss valued at \$4.2 million.

Col. Joseph M. Reheiser, 314th Airlift Wing commander at Little Rock AFB, Ark., headed the accident investigation board. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)



The end of registration for the November elections is fast approaching with less than 100 days left.

Unit voting counselors are available to assist in filling out Federal Post Card Applications.

A list of counselors is available at <https://columbusweb> under the "wing voting" button. For more information, call Ext. 7076.

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"Before the pilots can go out to the jets, we verify each pilot's current flying status," he said. "Among other things, we call in take off and landing statuses to maintenance on the radio, track pilot flying hours, pay status and ratings for pilot wings."

Sergeant Edwards departs Columbus AFB Sept. 8 after having held positions as 48th Flying Training Squadron NCOIC of operations, NCOIC of FTAC and NCOIC of the base honor guard throughout his four-year tenure.

Though Sergeant Edwards said he thoroughly enjoyed his time at Columbus AFB, he is even more enthusiastic about his upcoming three-year tour with the elite organization.

"I just can't wait to be a member of the Thunderbirds," he said. "It's been a dream for 17 years, and now I finally get to fulfill it."



Tech. Sgt. Jody Edwards



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### Down and dirty

Clint Loudermilk and Charlie Hayes, Smith Landscaping employees, lay sod in front of the fitness and sports center Monday. The lawn was damaged last November when construction of the center's new roof began.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Decal stickers

The visitor's center is currently out of the base decals. The decals are on back order at the Air Force level. Security forces will issue 60-day temporary AF Form 75s in place of the decals. Items required for registration include a military identification card, valid proof of insurance and vehicle registration receipt.

## Climate assessment survey

The military equal opportunity office is currently conducting a Wing Climate Assessment survey now through Aug. 13. The assessment will assist commanders at all levels to identify human relations factors, both positive and negative, that may affect mission readiness. Military and Department of Defense civilians are encouraged to complete the online survey in an effort to improve the Columbus AFB community. For access to the survey Web site, contact squadron representatives. For more information, call Ext. 2546.

## Commissary sale

The commissary is currently sponsoring a back-to-school sale. The sale will continue as long as coupons and products last. Additional savings ranging from 20- to 50-percent discounts are also available. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

## School/sports physicals

The medical clinic conducts school and sports physicals from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Physicals are available for children or college students playing fall or winter sports. To schedule an appointment, call Ext. 2273.

## Updated AF publication

The most recent version of Air Force Manual 10-100, Airman's Manual, is available through the Blazeweb by clicking on the following links: 14th Mission Support Group, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, readiness flight and the full spectrum threat response toolbox. A link to the updated Staff Assistance Visit calendar for 2004 can be found under the "Admin Tools" section. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jay Moreau at Ext. 7313.

# Adaptation of AF pharmacy formularies eliminates some high-use medications

In a memorandum recently sent out to all Air Force pharmacies, Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Joseph Kelley, assistant surgeon general of health care operations, directed the immediate implementation of a new formulary guideline, which includes the elimination of some high-use medications.

"It's no secret that FY 04 has been an extremely challenging budget year for the Air Force Medical Service," Dr. Kelley said in the memo.

"In addition to being faced with more expensive drugs coming to market this year, there has been an eight-percent price increase in the approximately 150 high-use medications contained on the [Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs] contract list," he said.

To assist in meeting the Air Force Medical Service fiscal parameters, Dr. Kelley has mandated that some changes be made to all Air Force pharmacy formularies.

The changes affecting Columbus AFB include the following:

**Non-sedating antihistamines** — Allegra will be deleted from the formulary and patients currently taking Allegra should switch to loratadine, a generic form of Claritin and the only non-sedating antihistamine available at the pharmacy.

For patients who desire medications not contained on the pharmacy formulary, two options exist:

❑ The TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy will mail up to a three-month supply of medication directly to the patient's home for a copay of \$3 or \$9, depending on generic or brand name medication.

❑ The Managed Care Support Contract (retail network) pharmacies provide up to a 30-day supply of medication for a \$3 or \$9 copay.

For more information, call the pharmacy at Ext. 2168. *(Courtesy of the 14th Medical Group)*

# NRO provides officers with AFIT opportunities

The National Reconnaissance Office is soliciting candidates for advanced education opportunities offered through the FY 05 Air Force Institute of Technology program.

Thirteen positions are available beginning in fall 2005. "This is a great opportunity to eventually participate in the NRO's space programs," said 1st Lt. Charlene Talafuse, 14th Mission Support Squadron.

The NRO directly supports the under secretary of the Air Force and is a 100-percent selectively manned unit.

After the degree is obtained within the time allotted, each candidate will complete a follow-on assignment in space acquisition or operations at the NRO for a period of four years, the majority of which will be spent in the Washington, D.C., area.

"Exceptional personnel are sought for these programs," Lieutenant Talafuse said. "The NRO process is extremely competitive."

Applicants must have a grade point average and Graduate Record Examination scores at least meeting minimum AFIT eligibility requirements. There is no specific officer grade requirement for applying. However, the majority of personnel selected are non-rated captains and lieutenants.

The NRO will use application packages and interviews to select applicants for the program. A subset of the applicants will be selected for the interview process. Primary criteria for interview selection will be based upon each applicant's demonstrated and potential academic ability, job experience and performance, and recommendation letters (all of which are contained in the application package).

For more information on the program and how to submit a package, contact the military personnel flight at Ext. 2596. *(Courtesy of the 14th Flying Training Wing Military Personnel Flight)*

# Promotion study list for 2005 now available

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — Promotion-eligible enlisted members can now find which materials to study for the 2005 testing cycles.

The most current Weighted Airman Promotion System Catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is now available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing). The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

WAPS Career Development Course study material, when required, is automatically shipped to promotion-eligible Airmen by the Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning. Enlisted Airmen should check the WAPS Catalog every year to ensure they have the current references, which often includes non-CDC publications, said officials.

AFIADL will begin shipping the CDCs in September for people testing for staff, technical and master

sergeant. If CDCs are not received by November, Airmen should contact their unit WAPS monitor to initiate follow-up actions, said officials.

Test administration dates for the 2005 chief master sergeant cycle are Sept. 7 to Sept. 10. The dates for senior master sergeant testing are Dec. 6 to Dec. 17, while testing for technical sergeant and master sergeant takes place Feb. 15 to March 31. Senior airmen will test for staff sergeant May 1 to May 31. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News)*

# MDG's team commitment results in quality care

Col. Dave Armstrong  
14th Medical Group



I was humbled last week when two different inspection teams praised the outstanding leadership of the 14th Medical Group.

How did it happen? How did every staff member — active duty and civilian — impress the teams with their dedication and commitment to quality? Multiple reasons are involved, but the most prevalent is each person, regardless of rank or grade, took ownership of their responsibilities.

Like most areas at Columbus AFB, our troops are young; most are performing their particular jobs for the first time in their Air Force careers. They have not learned the "you-can't-do-that-because" excuse. Older staff members have learned over the last year that the answer is always "we can," as long as it is legal and not prohibited by regulations or instructions.

I am always amazed at how well people perform when given the freedom, training and tools to do their jobs. High standards mean more work initially, but result in less work in the long run, alongside a greater sense of pride.

Under Chief Master Sgt. Lewis Mohr's superb guidance, many senior enlisted troops and NCOs made career-altering decisions last fall. Some left the Air Force;

others remained to complete the mission, resulting in a clinic full of empowered Airmen.

The same occurred within the officer corps, as flight commanders and functional chiefs — including Lt. Col. Victoria Farley, Lt. Col. Keith McCoy and Maj. Devin Beckstrand — showed our staff the road map to higher-quality care and better customer service. Like all professionals, the staff embraced the changes, along with the opportunity to grow and be part of a team that exceeds all previous expectations. In time, original standards were bypassed and forgotten as better and more effective methods were discovered.

When every person takes leadership responsibilities seriously, the result is a clinic like ours — rated in the top one percent of our nation's health care facilities.

## STRAIGHT TALK LINE

*The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.*

*Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.*

*The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential.*

*Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.*

*People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil).*

*Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.*

## Child development center hours of operation during night flying weeks

**Question:** Why doesn't the child development center shift their hours during night flying weeks? There are a lot of personnel in need of childcare who work well past 6 p.m. during night flying periods. Would it be possible during night flying weeks for the CDC to stay open later?

**Answer:** Thanks for the opportunity to address a recurring question we receive about opening the CDC outside normal hours.

Child abuse prevention and health regulations require a minimum of three staff members be on duty at the CDC when care is provided. Parents of children present would be required to cover staff salaries (approximately \$40 an hour), which would be prorated by the number of children present.

Beginning this month, we are advertising care during night flying weeks to see if other families are interested in sharing this cost. Unfortunately, we cannot subsidize the cost of care with non-appropriated funds but will be happy to provide needed care for those interested at the stated cost.

We also need your help. The Air Force has developed an Extended Duty Care program for parents who work beyond the normal duty day. The Air Force sponsors childcare in a Family Child Care home for families working uncommon shifts, weekends, TDY, et cetera, free of charge to military members. Currently, no FCC providers are enrolled in EDC due to night and weekend care requirements, and we are looking for a provider to enroll in this program. Interested providers should call Martha Mann at Ext. 3041.

You might be wondering why free childcare is offered in the FCC program, but not in the CDC. The EDC program is funded through an Air Force contract. The CDC does not meet the qualifications of the contract, thus funding is not available to pay our personnel and supply costs. The only free childcare we can offer is through the EDC program and must take place in an FCC home.

*Col. Stephen Wilson  
14th Flying Training Wing commander*

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## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 27 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



# Army Guardsmen complete new chapter in history

**Army Staff Sgt. Terry Stewart**  
14th Security Forces Squadron



Almost two years ago, we [Army Guardsmen] were asked to volunteer for a Homeland Security mission. Most of us had no idea what would be involved, except that the mission called for Force Protection and could last up to two years.

Three words came to mind as I contemplated volunteering: Duty, honor and country. Many of us saw the mission as an opportunity to give something back to the people of this nation, not to mention the increase of retirement points and active-duty benefits.

We proceeded with the mobilization process for the next 11 days, taking us to Camp Shelby, Miss., Fort Benning, Ga. and finally to Columbus AFB. During our brief training at Fort Benning, our battalion commander made remarks about us making history, that we were doing something that had never been done — the Army protecting Air Force bases.

It's strange how things end up going full circle. The Air Force started from the Army Air Corps and now the Army is once again protecting the people and resources that provide our air power during times of war, working together as a team with traditional security forces more than 50 years later.

As we rolled through the main gate, we were met with courtesy and professionalism. The Army had arrived.

We were shocked by the care we received that first night. It was after 11 p.m., yet there was a first lieutenant standing by to make sure our billeting was adequate and that everyone had a place to sleep. We started in processing the next morning at 8 a.m., "What?" we thought. We were accustomed to 4 or 5 a.m. first calls. Everyone we encountered throughout our processing period was polite and helpful.

As I reflect back on our first day at Columbus AFB, I remember everyone coming by to get a glimpse of the Army soldiers, as if we were an attraction at the local carnival. Our start with the required training here seemed slow, but it didn't take long for our soldiers to start performing as part of the team.

We assumed duties as entry controllers, or "gate guards" in Army terms. Our first couple of months we learned Air Force standards for entry control.

We were also met with questions from visitors and base personnel, such as, "What is the Army doing on the gate?" Our common reply was, "The Air Force needed the best to secure their base, so they called the Army."

As the months progressed, we became more comfortable performing our duties. An Army soldier at the gate was a common sight. In our eyes, the Air Force base treated us like kings compared to active-duty Army installations.

We heard phrases like "One team, one fight"; "They are part of the family," and many others of that nature. Our squadron had taken us in as if we were one of their own. Several of our soldiers trained in positions usually reserved for Air Force personnel. Others were satisfied with being entry controllers.

We also had our share of difficulties. We had an Army chain of command as well as an Air Force chain of command. Initially, there was a battle about which chain of command had jurisdiction over the Army.

But we were able to work out the bugs over time. Utilizing team-building and team-working skills, we were able to distinguish which chain of command would prevail in different situations. Slowly, the turbulent waters calmed, and we were able to work effectively as one team.

As the end of our chapter in history closes, many of our soldiers will return to empty units; units that are currently deployed to foreign lands in support of the Global War On Terrorism.

Some of the soldiers face the challenge of finding new jobs. Others return to jobs waiting for them. There is speculation about the possibility of being reactivated and assigned to units scheduled to depart for the desert. The future is a mystery to most.

Our time at Columbus AFB has been both rocky and enjoyable. We have made many new friends, and we now have a new extended family. It seems that the hardest part of this mission may not be the mission itself, but having to leave once the mission is complete.

# Second-quarter award winners announced

## CGO of the Quarter

Capt. Ryan Corrigan, 37th Flying Training Squadron, is CGO of the Second Quarter for 2004.

Captain Corrigan received the highest scores on two check rides in the 37th FTS. He standardized the method to prioritize trouble tickets, which was adopted throughout the command.

Captain Corrigan co-chaired the 2004 Daedalians golf tournament raising \$6,000 for six supplemental local ROTC scholarships. He planned and organized the 2004 Mississippi Civil Air Patrol summer encampment for 120 cadets.



## SNCO of the Quarter

The Senior NCO of the Second Quarter for 2004 is Master Sgt. Gilbert Shrieves, 14th Medical Operations Squadron.

Sergeant Shrieves spoke to 70 Heart Link, First Term Airman's Center and newcomers' orientation participants about healthy diets exercising.

He led eight NCOs in establishing the squadron's first quarterly recognition board.

Sergeant Shrieves volunteered 10 hours for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, raising \$110.



## NCO of the Quarter

Staff Sgt. Krista Moreau, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, is NCO of the 2004 second quarter.

Sergeant Moreau managed a complex industrial hygiene surveillance program. She inspected 26 shops for safety and health hazards for more than 2,000 employees.

Sergeant Moreau performed six radon and lead evaluations at the SAC Alert Facility ensuring safety for Civil Air Patrol occupants.

She accomplished two College Level Examination Preparation tests.



## Airman of the Quarter

The Airman of the 2004 Second Quarter is Airman 1st Class Meredith Carrick, 14th Medical Support Squadron.

Airman Carrick collected and shipped specimens for an aircraft incident aiding flight surgeon with investigations to provide 14th Operations Group commander with reports for future life and aircraft saving decisions.

She tracked 13,000 referral and military providers' tests, reducing diagnosis time from 12 days to 10. Airman Carrick scored 100 percent on two College of American Pathologists Quality Assurance Peer Review surveys.



## Category II Civilian of the Quarter

The Second Quarter Category II Civilian for 2004 is Darryl Bolton, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron. Mr. Bolton responded to a medical emergency involving a patient with chest pains.

He evaluated the patient's vital signs, relayed information to on-scene commander resulting in full recovery.

Mr. Bolton assisted with the development of flight's confined space emergency rescue team. He brought the non-existent program into compliance with the wing and other safety requirements.



## Category III Civilian of the Quarter

Sarah Fafinski, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, is the Second Quarter Category III Civilian for 2004.

Ms. Fafinski executed a tree-clearing project, which eliminated long standing T-37 radio reception problems.

She recruited Mississippi State University students to develop landscape plans at no cost to the base.

Ms. Fafinski attended the Navy Civil Engineer Corps Officer School and became base's cultural resource expert. She hosted the Arbor Day dedication with base personnel and the Mississippi Forestry Commission.



## Category I Civilian of the Quarter

Brenda Carter, 14th Security Forces Squadron, is the 2004 Second Quarter Category I Civilian.

Ms. Carter is a base entry point of contact for BLAZE cards, visits and flightline permits.

She handles entry access lists and restricted area information and ensures 14th SFS ops, law enforcement desk and visitors center receive copies for background checks. Ms. Carter is in charge of a weekly 14th SFS bulletin keeping troops informed of events and eliminating unnecessary e-mails.



## Volunteer of the Quarter

Anna Montet is the 2004 Second Quarter Volunteer.

Ms. Montet is an American Red Cross volunteer and gave more than 450 hours, during which she assisted more than 4,000 customers and accepted 15,000 new and refill prescriptions at the 14th Medical Group.

She assessed prescription forms for information completeness and increased allergy and drug interaction documentation.

Ms. Montet examined medication expiration dates and removed 50 expired drugs from shelves ensuring uncompromising care.



# Message from Secretary of Defense: Why we fight in Iraq

*(Editor's note: The following is a message from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.)*

More than 15 months ago, a global coalition ended the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein and liberated the people of Iraq.

As in all conflicts, this has come at a cost in lives. Some of your comrades made the ultimate sacrifice. For your sacrifices, our country and the president are deeply grateful.

In a free, democratic country we have vigorous debates over important public policy issues — none more heated than a decision to go to war. But this should not distract us from the mission at hand or lessen the magnitude of your accomplishments.

The threat we face must be confronted. And you are doing exceedingly well. Indeed, it has been a historic demonstration of skill and military power.

On Sept. 11, extremists determined to frighten and intimidate our people and

civilized societies killed 3,000 citizens. The future danger is that if the extremists gain the potential, the number of casualties would be far greater.

Terrorists are continuing to plot attacks against the American people and against other civilized societies. This is a different kind of enemy and a different kind of world. And we must think and act differently in this new century.

These extremists think nothing of cutting off innocent people's heads to try to intimidate great nations. They have murdered citizens from many countries — South Korea, Japan, Spain, the United Kingdom and others — hoping to strike fear into the hearts of free people.

Theirs is an ideology of oppression and subjugation of women. They seek to create radical systems that impose their views on others. And they will accept no armistice with those who choose free systems.

They see the governments of the Middle East, the United States and our stalwart allies all as targets.

Consider the background. In the span of 20 years, Saddam's Iraq invaded two neighbors — Iran and Kuwait — and launched ballistic missiles at two more. He employed poison gas against soldiers in Iran and against Kurdish villagers in his own country.

The United Nations and Congress shared the view that Saddam's regime was a threat to the region and the world.

Indeed, our Congress passed a resolution in 1998 calling for the removal of the regime. And over the years, the U.N. passed 17 resolutions condemning Saddam's regime and calling on him to tell the U.N. about his weapons programs. He ignored everyone.

Information gathered since the defeat of Saddam's regime last year confirms that his last declaration to the United Nations about his weapons program

was falsified. The U.N. resolutions had called for "serious consequences" should he not comply. He did not.

The president issued a final ultimatum to Saddam to relinquish power to avoid war. He chose war instead.

By your skill and courage, you have put a brutal dictator in the dock to be tried by the Iraqi people and restored freedom to 25 million people.

By helping to repair infrastructure, rebuild schools, encourage democratic institutions and delivering education and medical supplies, you have shown America's true character and given Iraq a chance at a new start.

But most importantly, your fight — and ultimate victory — against the forces of terror and extremism in Iraq and the Middle East will have made America safer and more secure.

You are accomplishing something noble and historic, and future generations of Americans will remember and thank you for it.

He's a command pilot with more than 2,900 hours under his wings, has spent time serving with the Army, Navy and foreign governments, and said he brings a lot of joint war fighting experience with him. As the new 14th Operations Group commander, he believes we don't train pilots, but instead ...

# 'We train the best warriors in the world'

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser  
Public Affairs

More than a month into his tenure as the 14th Operations Group Commander, Col. David Lewis shared his thoughts on leadership, teamwork and some of his general philosophy about training pilots at Columbus AFB in today's Air Force. "My family and I are excited about being here," Colonel Lewis said. "This is a return back to the command for me — this is where I started [Air Education and Training Command], obviously going through pilot training, but then as a first assignment instructor pilot. I'm absolutely thrilled to be back."

Colonel Lewis has traveled many roads to return to the pilot training arena including tours as a professor and a student at the Naval War College, a squadron and deputy operations group commander, a brigade air liaison officer and a pilot with more than 2,900 hours in the T-37, T-38 and the F-16.

"My past assignments have given me a lot of perspective," he said. "When I look back, I don't think I could have planned a more interesting and diverse career. It has given me a breadth of experience."

"I spent two years with the Army, two years with Navy, two years running a foreign government squadron and time as a first assignment instructor pilot," he said. "I bring a lot of joint war fighting experience to the table. I understand how other services fight. I understand how other countries operate and fight."

Colonel Lewis pointed out that understanding joint war fighting starts at Columbus AFB.

"When you look around, you see a lot of coalition partners and joint war fighting," he said. "How do we translate this into what we do here?"

"We are going to train people to plug into all of those different places. This is not the Air Force of old where we had a set mission. It is a joint fight," he said. "It is an unpredictable war out there. The diverse background I have helps me to bring the flexibility concept to our training."

The colonel has a strong understanding of the Air Force mission and a strong vision of the Air Force of the future.

He also stands firm on the fact that he believes the Air Force doesn't need pilots. This might seem a little strange coming from an aviator, but it makes perfect sense to Colonel Lewis.



Col. David Lewis, 14th Operations Group commander, receives a preflight briefing from Lt. Col. Todd White, 37th Flying Training Squadron director of operations, at the joint 37th FTS and 41st FTS duty desk.

"During my change-of-command speech, I said, 'The United States Air Force doesn't need pilots,' which took a few people by surprise; but it's true. We will teach you to be a pilot, in a tough year and hang a set of wings on people, but we do so much more in the Air Force than just teach that skill."

"We need to make sure we understand our business is not about flying planes — going up and turning JP-8 into noise on a daily basis. Our business in the Air Force is very serious. We need to understand the war fighter perspective."

According to Colonel Lewis, this fighter perspective is key in accomplishing the Columbus AFB mission.

"We are not going to just go fly," he said "We are going to fly and do something. Whether it is supporting our Army brethren, putting bombs on target, getting fuel to the

right place at the right time — it's amazing what we have to do in our Air Force. We never want to lose sight of the fact that it's not just a bunch of pilots we are graduating here ... we are graduating war fighters."

Teamwork is also a cornerstone of Colonel Lewis' leadership vision.

"For too many years people have thought only pilots make up the war fighting corps of the Air Force and that's not true," he pointed out. "We deploy people from all over this base. They are just as much at risk as anyone else at forward operating bases we have in the areas of responsibility right now."

"This is a different Air Force from 20 years ago. Everyone needs the ability to operate with the war fighter mentality, not only to hunker down and survive, but to take the fight to the enemy."



Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 04-13 graduates at 10 a.m. Aug. 13 at the base theater. Join the 14th Flying Training Wing in congratulating these Airmen for prevailing during a year of training and earning the right to be Air Force pilots.

## AT THE CHAPEL

### Catholic

**Sunday:**  
9:15 a.m. — Mass  
5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

### Protestant

**Sunday:**  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship  
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship  
**Tuesday:**  
Noon — Lunch and Bible study

**Wednesday:**  
7 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

For information about Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

## AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

### Today

"White Chicks" (PG-13, crude and sexual humor, language and some drug content, 105 min.)

Starring: Shawn Wayans and Marlon Wayans.

### Saturday

"The Notebook" (PG-13, some sexuality, 121 min.)

Starring: James Garner and Gene Rowlands.

### Aug. 13

"Spider-man 2" (PG-13, stylized action violence, 128 min.)

Starring: Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst.

For more information about movies, visit the 14th Services Division Web site at [www.cafb.grapevine.com](http://www.cafb.grapevine.com).

## CHANNEL 64

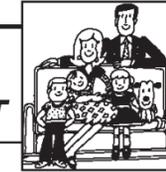
BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

For more information, call the public affairs office at Ext. 7068.

### Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.  
**Air Force Television News features flightline maintenance at Columbus AFB this week.**

## FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

**Positive thinking:** "Make Every Day a Terrific Day," a video-based program to reduce stressors, is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Participants learn techniques on how to start days positively, and deal with negative situations and behaviors. Registration is required by Monday.

**Financial management:** Personal financial management training for grades E-4 and below is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Various aspects of money management and control, savings and investment are discussed.

**Hearts Apart Social:** A social gathering for families of personnel deployed or remote for more than 30 days is at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 26. Information, refreshments and prizes are provided.

**Remote/deployed briefing:** Military personnel going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held daily at 9 a.m.

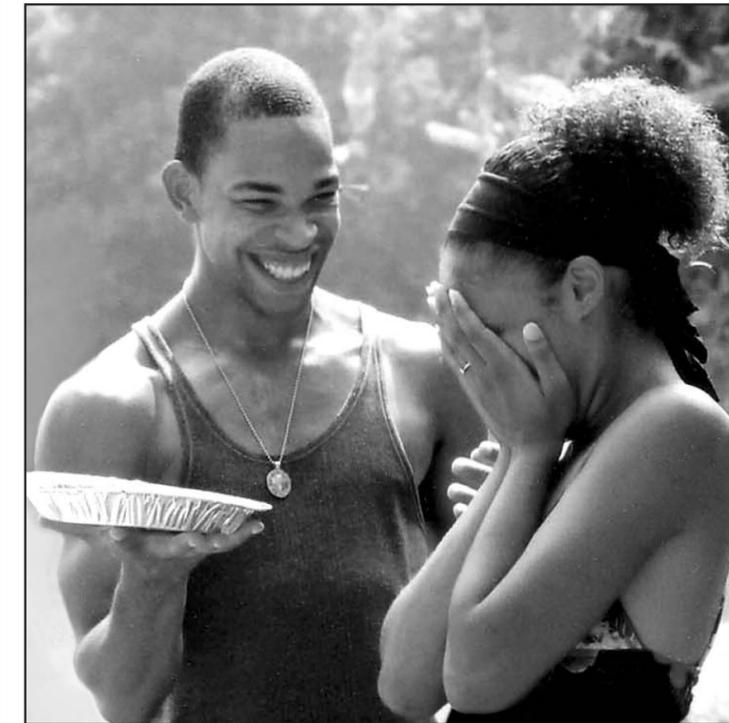
## BASE NOTES



**EMCC registration:** East Mississippi Community College offers registration for base personnel only from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday. Long lines are expected during final registration Aug. 16 and Aug. 17.

**OSC Social:** The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club begins its new season with a membership drive and special activities social at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Columbus Club. The menu includes hors d'oeuvres, and cost is \$11.50. Club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are welcome. For reservations, call Cammy Cheater at 434-8915 by noon today.

**Thrift Shop:** The Thrift Shop, located at Building 345, C Street, is open from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and from 9 a.m. to



2nd Lt. Jamie Zeorlin

## Sticky situation

Airman 1st Class Charles Davis prepares to shove a pie in the face his coworker Airman Fabiola Charles, at the 14th Comptroller Squadron picnic July 23. The event raised more than \$140 for the squadron.

1 p.m. Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until one hour before closing. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, call Ext. 2954.

**Cub scouts:** Cub Scout Pack 52 meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the community center. For more information, call 328-7228.

**Brownies:** A parent meeting for Brownie Troop 323 is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the community center. Parents will receive information on Brownie events and the chance to preregister their children. Call Amanda Fitzhugh at 245-0433.

Columbus AFB is also home to Brownie Troop 473. Girls between the ages of 5 and 9, or in kindergarten through third grade are invited to join either troop. For more information, call Lucille Mixon at 245-0433 or Ms. Fitzhugh.

**Pioneer Club:** The Pioneer Club, an active Bible-based program for children, meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Aug. 18. The club offers classes for 2- to 3-year-olds, 4- to 5-year-olds, children in first through third grades and children in fourth through seventh grades.

For more information, call Betsy Riess at 434-5223.

**Housing announcement:** The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron is conducting an in-house hydraulic survey Aug. 24 to Sept. 2, which includes flushing fire hydrants throughout the base. The water will not be shut off, and it will be safe to drink. However, base residents should run their water approximately 30 minutes before washing their clothes to prevent rust stains. Workers will be in Capitol Village Aug. 24 and Aug. 25, and in Magnolia Village Aug. 26 and Aug. 27. For more information, call Nick Yearby at 364-0800

**Pharmacy announcement:** In light of the Air Force's focus on patient safety, the pharmacy is currently upgrading its prescription processing technology to prevent errors. Patients are asked to call in refills at least two days in advance; the pharmacy is unable to accommodate same-day refills.

Customers are also asked to check in at the pharmacy after a doctor's visit or telephone consultation. Wait times will increase until the new system is in place. For more information, call the pharmacy at Ext. 2168.

# First mixed golf tournament set for Aug. 14

**Ricky Magers**  
PGA Golf Professional

Whispering Pines Golf Course hosts the first mixed couples golf scramble Aug. 14.

The tournament is open to the community and teams consist of one male and one female.

Entry fee is \$80 per team and includes the 18-hole greens fees, prize fund, tee prizes, free beverages throughout the day, door prizes, social hour and dinner at the Columbus Club, but does not include carts. Prizes are also given for longest drive and closest to the pin. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Awards for the tournament will be distributed after the dinner.

"The course is in great shape and is a tight, challenging course for golfers of all skill levels," said Dick Bryde,

golf course superintendent.

Registration ends at noon Aug. 13 and is limited to the first 30 teams.

Corporate and hole sponsors for the tournament are Better Brands and Smirnoff Ice Twisted beverages, First Command, McRaes, PJ's Barbecue, Columbus Women's Clinic, Sonic on Highway 45 North, Cable One, Ivy Cottage Florist, Monograms Plus and Premier Ford Mercury (no federal endorsement of sponsors intended).

Upcoming golf tournaments include a one-person golf scramble Aug. 28, the annual club championship Sept. 4 to Sept. 6, the third annual 3-lady scramble Oct. 2 and the Wacky Glo Ball tournament in late October.

Individual and group golf lessons are available by appointment.

For more information about these tournaments or golf lessons, call Ext. 7932.



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Teammates John Sykes, William Bartowick and Roy Wood look on as Bob LeTourneau sets his ball for the putt during the June Sonic Scramble at Whispering Pines Golf Course.

## Services offers variety of recreational activities

**Family bingo:** The youth center offers this family program at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 13. Five games are played. Call Ext. 2504.

**White water rafting:** The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip down the Ocoee River, Aug. 14 through Aug. 16. Cost is \$99 per person and includes river/rafting run, two meals, two nights lodging in a cabin and transportation. Call Ext. 7861.

**Bowling center steak night:** The bowling center offers a steak, fries and tossed salad for \$5.75 from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 18. Call Ext. 2426.

**Mongolian barbecue:** The Columbus Club offers a Mongolian barbecue from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 19. Cost is \$7.95 for members, \$9.95 for nonmembers and includes six ounces of meat and all-you-can-eat vegetables.

**Give parents a break:** The youth center and child development center offer this program from 4 to 10 p.m. Aug. 21. Participants must register for the program by Aug. 18. Cost is \$3 per hour per child. For more informa-

tion or to sign up, call the child development center at Ext. 2479 or the youth center at Ext. 2504.

**Scrapbooking classes:** The community center offers a beginners scrapbooking class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 21. Cost is \$10. Call Ext. 7450.

**Stampin' up class:** The community center offers this craft stamp class from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 24. Five projects are available in a variety of themes. Cost is \$15 per person. Call Ext. 7450.

**Dignity Memorial Escape School:** This program is at 4 and 6 p.m. Aug. 26 at the community center. Participants learn methods of escape in case of a kidnapping and how to avoid abduction. The program is open to ages 5 to 15. Call Ext. 2504.

**Boss and buddy night:** The Columbus Club offers this all-ranks program every Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Hot wings or barbecue wings are \$1.80 per dozen, and beverages specials are from 4 to 6 p.m. Call Ext 2490.

**Gospel sing:** The McAdams Quartet sponsors a First Friday Nite Gospel Sing from 7 to 9:30 p.m. today at the Princess Theatre on 5th Street South in downtown Columbus. The event features local talent each month. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information, call 328-5016 or visit [www.1stfridaynitegospelsing.homestead.com](http://www.1stfridaynitegospelsing.homestead.com).

**Speedway events:** The Columbus Speedway features the Street Stock "Summer Slam 20" Championship and Cajun Sprinters beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. People who show a military identification card will receive \$5 off of admission. For more information, call 241-5004 or 574-2572.

**AARP:** The American Association for Retired People meets at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month in the community room of AmSouth Bank at 710 Main St. in Columbus. For more information, call William Meyers at 328-7078.

**Friends and Neighbors:** The Friends and Neighbors Club meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Columbus Country Club. Native Columbus residents as well as newcomers are invited to get to know Columbus and visit interesting places. Membership dues are \$15 a year. For more information, call Sigga Head at 329-3864 or 328-9370.

**Southern Cruisers:** Southern Cruisers meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Potter's Restaurant. Anyone with interest in new or old vehicles is invited to attend and join in car-related activities. For more information, call 251-7721, 574-2678 or 328-1146.

**TOPS meeting:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Thursday at the Lowndes County Volunteer Fire Station next to Antioch Baptist Church located off of Highway 45 on Jess Lyons Road. Weigh in is from 5 to 6 p.m., with a meeting afterward. The first meeting is free for new members. Call Bettye Loftis at 356-6625 or Marj Bryde at 329-2825.

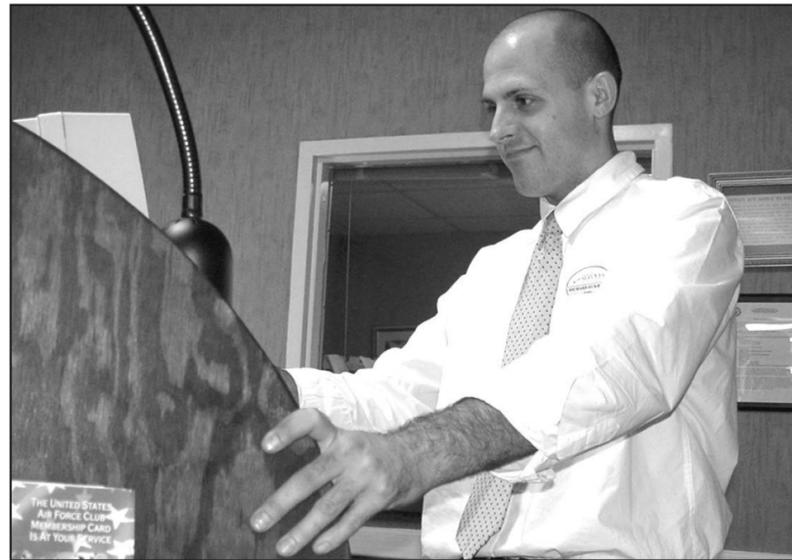
**Library story hour:** "Mother Goose" Story Hour is from 10 to 11 a.m. for children ages 3 to 6 and from 3:30 to 4 p.m. for children ages 2 to 4 every Thursday at the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library. For more information, call 329-5300.

**Exchange student sponsors:** The Cultural Academic Student Exchange, Inc., seeks families in the Golden Triangle area to host high school foreign exchange students. For more information, call (800) 458-8336.

**Sponsors needed:** The Caledonia High School girls basketball team seeks sponsors to support their basketball and volleyball programs. Sponsorship packages range from \$60 to \$300. Sponsors' names and organizations will be displayed on a banner in the school's gymnasium. For more information or to purchase a package, call Doll Wilder at 549-5284.

For more event listings, visit [www.columbus-ms.org](http://www.columbus-ms.org).

## BARGAIN LINE



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### Friendly food service

Richard Eckhart, Columbus Club operations assistant, rings up a lunch buffet customer. The club now offers an all-you-can-eat Southern lunch buffet Wednesdays, Mexican buffet Thursdays and catfish buffet Fridays. Cost is \$6.95 for members and \$8.95 for nonmembers. Buffet includes beverage and dessert, as well. Call Ext. 2489.

### Bar Bingo

Friday Nights at 5:30 p.m. in the Enlisted Lounge

One \$300 Progressive Jackpot  
3 Chances to Win Cash!  
3-On Cards \$1.50 Each

### Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not resubmit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

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What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News  Sports  Photos

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at [silverwings@columbus.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@columbus.af.mil).

# How to prevent an ankle injury

Summer is in full swing and so is the new Air Force fitness standard, encouraging Airmen to become more physically active.

The base seems lively with runners at the track, teams on the courts/fields and more people using the fitness and sports center. This is a great trend, but it does increase the prevalence of various injuries such as ankle sprains. In fact, ankle sprains are one of the most common and debilitating injuries for an athlete.

Here are some common sense ideas to help decrease the likelihood of ankle sprain or the severity of the injury.

❑ Proprioception is your ability to know where your body parts are. Increasing proprioception can help the ankle react more quickly to potential injury and therefore prevent or decrease the severity of an ankle sprain. This is done by improving balance with such exercises as single leg balancing, heel walking, toe walking and single leg miniature squats.

❑ Strengthening the muscle groups that support and surround the ankle joint helps to prevent ankle injuries.

❑ Proper fitting shoes designed for your foot type and the type of exercise activity you are participating in will help.

❑ Proper warm-up, stretching and cool down help to keep the body at its optimum.

❑ For outside running, it is best to run in a familiar, well-lit area with even ground. This will help runners avoid unexpected potholes, curbs and other obstacles.

Remember, a few minutes of preparation is better than weeks of rehabilitation. (Courtesy of the 14th Medical Group)



Pam Wickham

## Link kings

James Jackson, Sam Shoemake, Wendell Reed, Booker Thomas, Nick Nichols, Howard Ferguson and Bart Bartowick pose for a photo after winning the Columbus AFB golf intramural championship.

## SHORTS

### First Shirts' golf tourney

The Columbus AFB First Sergeants Council sponsors an 18-hole, three-person scramble golf tournament at 8 a.m. Saturday. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees and includes lunch. The field is limited to the first 18 teams paid. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call Kevin Hawks at Ext. 7125 or Marty Anderson at Ext. 2291.

### Karate

Karate classes are offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the community center. Cost is \$45 per month. All ages are eligible to participate. Call Ext. 7450.

### Family bowling

Family bowling is offered all day Wednesdays and Sundays at the bowling center. Cost is \$1.50 per game, and shoe rental is free. Call Ext. 2426.

### Judo classes

The community center offers Judo classes from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$35 per month. For more information, call Ext. 7450.

### Mixed golf scramble

This 18-hole mixed golf tournament begins at 1 p.m.

Aug. 14 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. Cost is \$80 for each two-person team and includes dinner at the Columbus Club.

### Youth soccer

Soccer registration for the fall season is Aug. 16 through Sept. 15 at the youth center. Cost is \$25 for members of the center and \$35 for nonmembers. Coaches are also needed. Call Ext. 2504.

### Sports Advisory Council

A Sports Advisory Council meeting is at 9 a.m. Aug. 19 at the health and wellness center. All squadron sports representatives are invited to attend. Call Ext. 2772.

### No-tap cosmic bowling tourney

A no-tap cosmic bowling tournament is at 7 p.m. Aug. 20 at the bowling center. Cost is \$10 per person, and participants must sign up by 6:45 p.m. Call Ext. 2426.

### Fitness center fun run

A fitness center fun run begins at 7 a.m. Aug. 20 in front of the fitness and sports center. Call Ext. 2772.

### Independence Pool sports day

The base pool hosts a sports day Aug. 29. The pool

opens at 2 p.m. and games begin at 3 p.m. Squadron competitions include innertube, rafting and four-person relays, three-on-three basketball and a cardboard boat race.

Participants must register at outdoor recreation by Aug. 25. The squadron with the most cumulative points wins \$500 toward its next Columbus Club function. Families are welcome. Call Ext. 2507.

### One-person golf scramble

A one-person golf scramble is Aug. 28 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Shotgun start is at 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees. Call Ext. 7932.

### Golf club championship

The Whispering Pines Club championship is Sept. 4 through Sept. 6. Entry is \$35 plus greens fees. Participants must register at the golf pro shop. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

### Soccer camp

Columbus AFB hosts the Air Force Soccer Trial Camp Jan. 6 through Jan. 23. The deadline for completing Air Force Form 303, Request for Specialized Sports Training, is Nov. 1. All military personnel interested in participating in the camp must complete the AF Form 303 or contact the fitness center at Ext. 2772.

# Teams battle on court in 3-on-3 basketball tournament



Erik Oliver, 14th Medical Group, dribbles past Devlon Harrison and Micah Lyman, 14th Operations Support Squadron, while Brian Bailey, 14th MDG, moves in for the rebound.

More than a dozen teams competed in a two-day, three-on-three basketball tournament Tuesday and Wednesday.

Though not in competition for the Commander's Trophy, the guard and retiree team finished first. OSS took second place and claimed 35 Commander's Trophy points, while a second OSS team finished third. One team from each organization received 25 Commander's Trophy points for participation in the tournament.



Right: Lonnie Slater, 14th OSS, drives to the hoop as Ray Newton, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, attempts to box him out.



James Lewis of the guard and retiree team goes up for the shot as Gentry Duhart, 14th Missions Support Squadron, tries to block it.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Cecilia Rodriguez